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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of the nations of the world, today we share a profound grief with Israel and all peace-loving people at the slaying of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Just a few days ago, here in the rotunda of the Capitol, we heard him speak of his commitment to peace as we celebrated the 3,000th anniversary of the city of Jerusalem. Only a few days before that we saw him sign the peace agreement and seal it with a historic handshake with Yasser Arafat at the White House. All of this was the fruit of his efforts in the negotiations at Oslo and subsequently his leadership in the 1993 agreement with the Palestinians. Oh God, this great and gracious man defied the risks and faced the dangers of being a peacemaker among his own people and in the Middle East. All because of the mandate for peace You placed as a passion in his heart.

We abhor the violent, radical fanaticism that would viciously motivate a countryman to cause Rabin's untimely death. Now Lord, we ask You to stay the evil hand of terrorism in our time. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for Shimon Peres as he becomes acting Prime Minister, for President Clinton, and Secretary of State Christopher as they seek to stabilize the implementation of the peace agreement, may they be encouraged by our support. Oh, Jehovah Shalom, fill our hearts and minds with Your peace as we commit ourselves anew to be peacemakers. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able Senator from Wyoming is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, today there will be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m.

Following morning business, the Senate is expected to consider a resolution in honor of Israeli Prime Minister Rabin.

There will be no rollcall votes today.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 1 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 5 minutes each.

THE BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, before discussing today's bad news about the Federal debt, how about "another go," as the British put it, with our pop quiz. Remember? One question, one answer.

The question: How many millions of dollars does it take to add up a trillion dollars? While you are thinking about it, bear in mind that it was the U.S. Congress that ran up the Federal debt that is \$27 billion away from \$5 trillion.

To be exact, as of the close of business Friday, November 3, the total Federal debt—down to the penny—stood at

\$4,984,800,213,988.31. This figure is approximately \$27 billion away from \$5 trillion. Another depressing figure means that on a per capita basis, every man, woman, and child in America owes \$18,922.39.

Mr. President, back to our pop quiz, how many million in a trillion: There are a million million in a trillion.

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). In my capacity as a Senator from the State of Washington, I ask unanimous consent that further proceedings under the quorum call be rescinded.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, in his capacity as a Senator from the State of Washington, asks unanimous consent that the Senate now stand in recess until the hour of 12:30 p.m.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:24 a.m., recessed until 12:30 p.m.; whereupon, the Senate reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mr. CRAIG).

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOLE (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. PELL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL,

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S. Con. Res. 31. A concurrent resolution honoring the life and legacy of Yitzhak Rabin; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1250

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New Mexico [Mr. BINGAMAN] was added as a cosponsor of S. 1250, a bill to amend titles 5 and 37, United States Code, to provide for the continuance of pay and the authority to make certain expenditures and obligations during lapses in appropriations.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 31—HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF YITZHAK RABIN

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. DOLE, for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LOTT, Mr. FORD, Mr. HELMS, Mr. PELL, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BRADLEY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUMPERS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. COATS, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'AMATO, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. EXON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. GLENN, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HATFIELD, Mr. HEFLIN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSTON, Mrs. KASSEBAUM, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERREY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. MOSELEY-BRAUN, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. NUNN, Mr. PRESSLER, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REID, Mr.

ROBB, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SIMON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. CON. RES. 31

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin, a true hero of Israel, was born in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922; Whereas Yitzhak Rabin served in the Israel Defense Forces for more than two decades, and fought in three wars including service as Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces during the Six Day War of June 1967;

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin served the people of Israel with great distinction in a number of government positions, including Ambassador to the United States from 1968 to 1973, Minister of Defense from 1984 to 1988, and twice as Prime Minister from 1974 to 1977 and from June 1992 until his assassination;

Whereas under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin, a framework for peace between Israel and the Palestinians was established with the signing of the Declaration of Principles on September 13, 1993, continued with the conclusion of a peace treaty between Israel and Jordan on October 26, 1994, and continues today;

Whereas on December 10, 1994, Yitzhak Rabin was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace for his vision and accomplishments as a peacemaker;

Whereas shortly before his assassination, Yitzhak Rabin said, "I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take a chance for peace . . . Peace is not only in prayers . . . but it is in the desire of the Jewish people.";

Whereas Yitzhak Rabin's entire life was dedicated to the cause of peace and security for Israel and its people;

Whereas on November 4, 1995 Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated in Tel Aviv, Israel: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Congress—

- (1) Condemns the heinous assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the strongest possible terms;
- (2) Extends its deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and to all the people of Israel in this moment of tragedy;
- (3) Expresses its admiration for the historic contributions made by Yitzhak Rabin over his long and distinguished career of public service;
- (4) Expresses its support for the government of Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres;
- (5) Reaffirms its commitment to the process of building a just and lasting peace between Israel and its neighbors;
- (6) That when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned as a further mark of respect in honor of the late Yitzhak Rabin, and
- (7) Directs, the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the family of the deceased.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

HONORING SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATORS

• Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to three outstanding South Carolina teachers: Barbara Weston,

Abraham Funchess and Jeanne Sink. Recently, they were recognized by the Milken Family Foundation of California for outstanding work in their South Carolina classrooms.

Barbara Weston is a 20-year educator who now teaches at the Five Points School in Columbia. This school is an alternative program designed to prevent students from dropping out of high school. It is at that school that Mrs. Weston has taken on the role of teacher, counselor, and mentor with relish.

The school is small—just 50 students. And Barbara Weston knows them all by name—and more. She exchanges phone numbers with parents of her students and encourages contact. As her students have learned, it is hard to get away with nonsense when your teacher knows your parents and knows how to find you.

Barbara Weston, a native of South Carolina who was raised in Eastover, teaches English. Her students say she is a caring teacher who lives by the creed: "There's nothing you can't do." You cannot expect much more of a teacher than that. The Milken Foundation is not the first to recognize her achievements. Last year, she was named the Richland District I Teacher of the Year and was a State finalist for the South Carolina Teacher of the Year Award.

Mrs. Weston, a graduate of South Carolina State College, is married to Samuel Weston and they have two sons.

Mr. President, Abraham Funchess is a sixth-grade science teacher at John Ford Middle School in St. Matthews, the town where he was born, raised, and educated.

Mr. Funchess has been a fixture in the education system of Calhoun County for 28 years. He has touched the lives of thousands of children there. He teaches them the joys of nature in his outdoor laboratory where students plant a garden and watch it grow. On other occasions, they uncover the mysteries of the forest's sights and sounds during nearby nature walks.

In the classroom, Mr. Funchess guides his students through laboratory experiments and watches their excitement as they compare answers with students in other cities through a link-up on the Internet.

"I don't teach books; I teach students," is the way Mr. Funchess describes his teaching philosophy. His is a hands-on teaching style that shows every student the joy of learning. There is a motto in large letters above his chalkboard that says: "I see; I hear; I forget. But when I do, I understand." It is a motto Mr. Funchess has embraced and one for which his students are thankful.

Abraham Funchess has been named Teacher of the Year at John Ford Middle School for the past 2 years. He received his undergraduate degree at South Carolina's Claflin College and his master's at South Carolina State.